



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1652**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant(s): | Yu and Miranda | Group Art Unit: | 1652 |
| Application No.: | 10/090,516 | Examiner: | D. Steadman |
| Filed: | 3/1/2002 | Atty. Docket No.: | LEX-0316-USA |
| Title: Novel Human TEN-M4/cdz Proteins and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same | | | |

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 9, 2004

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on January 9, 2004, which has been carefully reviewed and studied. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the rejections in the Action in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of one month to and including May 9, 2004, which falls on a Sunday and is therefore extended until Monday, May 10, 2004 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

RESPONSE

I. Status of the Claims

No claims have been cancelled. No claims have been amended. No new claims have been